

School of Mines Ballarat
Meeting of Administrative Council
June 8th 1871

Present R.W. Newman Chairman
H. Wood Esq. brother of Fisher W. de Bickate
H. B. de la Poer Wall H. R. Caselli

Read and confirmed minutes of previous meeting

Received letter from Mining Department with enclosure of maps and also pamphlet by D. Muller on tin suitable to the Colony.

Received book Sumner's Underground Life as donation from W. S. Muller

Received box of specimens of copper and other ores from Mr Parkyn Esq

— specimens of basalt and bone from Mr Lake

Moved by Mr Bickate seconded by Mr Wood and carried unanimously that the best thanks of the Admin^l Council be conveyed to the donors and that Messrs Parkyn Esq & W. S. Muller be recommended to the Council as honorary annual Governors

The Chairman reported the opening of the Laboratory on Sunday May 30th

The Chairman reported that the Master was prepared to give a Lecture on the 19th June

Resolved that this be accepted and that

it be advertised that the tickets of admission are obtainable from the Members of the Admin^l Council and from the Master at the School.

Received letter from Mr R. M. Sargeant tendering his resignation

Moved by Mr Wood seconded by Mr Bickate and carried unanimously that Mr Sargeant be requested to withdraw his letter.

Mr Bickate having suggested the desirability of an application being made to the various mining companies for specimens and information for the use of the School Mr Wood offered that, if a circular were sent to the various companies in the central division, he would collect any contributions when the quarterly returns were collected.

Moved by Mr Caselli seconded by Mr Brooker that Mr Bickate Mr Wood and the Vice President draw up a circular to be printed and distributed and that Mr Wood's offer be gratefully accepted
Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr Wood seconded by Mr Brooker that it be recommended to the Council that the Master commence to make, at as early a date as possible, a geological survey of the district with the pupils, and that he should keep and publish in the local papers a record of Barometer Thermometer & Rain Gauge
Carried unanimously